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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

GUIDED RETRACTOR AND METHODS OF USE

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and invented by:

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Application Elements

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2. Specification having 21 pages and including the following:
 - a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
 - c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
 - d. Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
 - e. Background of the Invention
 - f. Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
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 - i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. Drawing(s) (*when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113*)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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6. CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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Accompanying Application Parts

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
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17. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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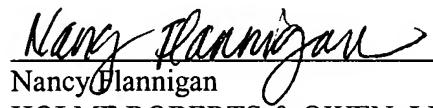
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